

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: John Erickson et al.

Serial No.: 10/747,639

Group Art Unit: 1791

Filed: December 29, 2003

Examiner: Lee, Edmund H.

For: A Method of Making a Molded Article

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

**Commissioner for Patents**

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

On November 24, 2008, Applicants' Representative, Chris Andrzejak, conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Lee. The subject Interview Summary is provided to make of record the substance of the Interview. No exhibits were shown and a demonstration did not take place during the Interview.

Proposed amendments were discussed that clarify the claimed paint compositions as water-based paint compositions. Also discussed were the reasons for which alkali metal hydroxides are used in the paint compositions of the instant claims, i.e., the alkali metal hydroxides are used to promote adhesion between paint layers formed from the paint composition and a polyurethane composition that is applied thereto to form a polyurethane layer. The use of the alkali metal hydroxides in the instant claims was contrasted from the use of alkali metal hydroxides in Horacek et al., which is to promote a reaction between

polyols and isocyanates in the compositions in which the alkali metal hydroxides are used in Horacek et al. The Examiner agreed with the Applicants' attorney that it would not be obvious to include alkali metal hydroxides in a water-based paint composition based on the teachings of Horacek et al.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account no. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Date:** December 4, 2008

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